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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

PURIFIED HEPATITIS C VIRUS ENVELOPE PROTEINS FOR DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC USE

the specification of which (check applicable box(es)):

☐ Is attached hereto  
☒ was filed on November 29, 2001 as U.S. Application Serial No. 09/995,791 (Atty Dkt. No. 2551-68)  
☒ was filed as PCT International application No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
and (if applicable to U.S. or PCT application) was amended on January 11, 2002

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed or, if no priority is claimed, before the filing date of this application:

Priority Foreign Application(s):	Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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60/304,194	December 1, 2000
60/260,669	January 11, 2001
60/315,768	August 30, 2001

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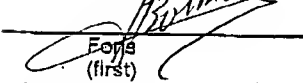
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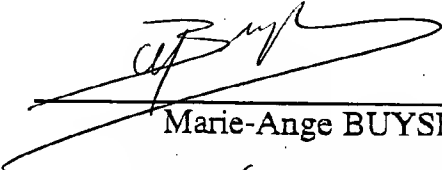
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- **INNOGENETICS N.V.** being assignee of the above-identified application, hereby consents to the correction of inventorship of the above-identified application to delete Marie-Ange BUYSE as an inventor and add Erik DEPLA as an inventor.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Signed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2002.

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